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meetings to gather additional feedback and to inform business, labor, and the legislative body. If you remember, we had a couple meetings where we invited legislative staff and all the senators to hear what we were proposing, and we asked them at that time to give us other ideas, and we had several meetings after those meetings to continue addressing the issue. I want each of you to understand that what we've come up with is a compromise. All parties--business, labor, Department of Labor--we've all worked together. We've worked hard to get this bill to where it is and to where the committee amendment actually is going to be the bill. And like a house of cards...it's like a house of cards. If you pull one card out, the whole thing can fall apart. So I'm going to ask you to please support this as it's written. And I'm going to use the rest of my time...how much time do I have left, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Almost five minutes.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I'm going to start introducing the committee amendments, because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Why don't we just...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, it will take a little. I won't get those done in the amendment time. If that's all right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may. You may do so.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Won't know the difference.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: LB 739 was introduced to address the state of emergency of the Unemployment Trust Fund. That which is offered is a compromise bill that was assembled by representatives of labor, business, the Department of Labor, fellow senators, and myself. The primary purpose of the task force was to offer a bill that would slowly build the trust fund and make it solvent for future years. LB 739 introduces a change from the current annual rate-setting process for